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## CORN AND SOYBEAN PRICES INCREASE

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for corn for January averaged \$5.00 per bushel, an increase of \$0.58 from the December price. Soybeans were up \$0.70, to a January price of \$12.00 per bushel.

The all milk price for January, at \$15.80 per cwt., was down \$0.50 from December.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 169 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 11 points (7.0 percent) from December. The Crop Index increased 20 points. However, the Livestock Index remained the same as December.

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.	-----Minnesota-----		
	Jan 2011 1/	Jan 2010 2/	Dec 2010 2/	Jan 2011 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu .....	4.05	3/	3.83	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	24.10	35.60	25.00	25.10
Corn, bu .....	5.37	3.55	4.42	5.00
Hay, All Baled, ton.....	112.00	109.00	93.00	91.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton.....	121.00	125.00	100.00	100.00
Other, Baled, ton.....	95.30	80.00	75.00	75.00
Oats, bu .....	3.04	2.07	2.73	2.80
Potatoes, cwt.....	8.87	7.80	7.00	3/
Soybeans, bu .....	12.60	9.59	11.30	12.00
Sunflowers, All, cwt .....	23.00	17.90	20.10	22.70
Wheat, All, bu .....	7.40	4.87	6.08	6.89
Calves, cwt 4/ .....	135.00	111.00	133.00	--
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 4/ 5/.....	106.00	76.70	90.30	--
Cows, cwt, 4/ 6/ .....	63.00	49.70	58.60	--
Steers & Heifers, cwt 4/.....	110.00	84.00	101.00	--
Milk Cows, head 7/ .....	1,300.00	1,290.00	1,280.00	1,310.00
Hogs, All, cwt 8/.....	54.60	51.00	--	--
Barrows & Gilts, cwt 8/.....	55.40	51.10	--	--
Sows, cwt 8/.....	47.90	38.10	--	--
Lambs, cwt 9/ .....	--	96.80	152.00	--
Sheep, cwt 9/ .....	--	53.00	61.20	--
Milk, All, cwt .....	16.20	16.10	16.30	15.80

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 4/ State level prices discontinued Jan. 2011 & will only be published at US level thereafter. 5/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 7/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 8/ State level prices discontinued Dec. 2010 & will only be published at US level thereafter. 9/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996

## U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011
Prices Received .....	135	140	158	169
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates) .....	177	181	188	193
Parity Ratio 1/.....	76	77	84	88

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

## U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

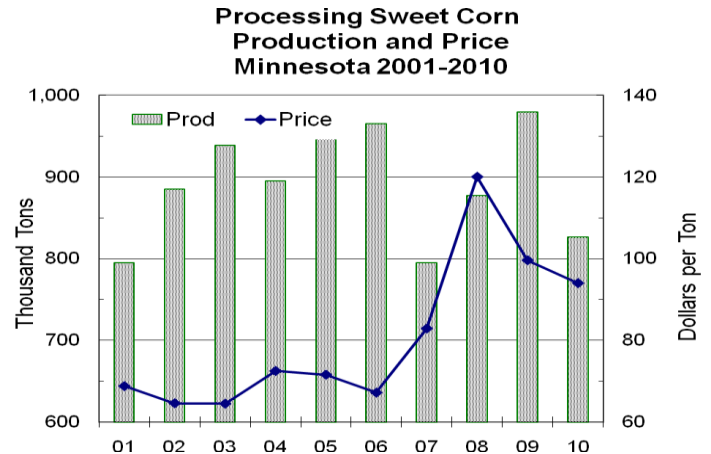
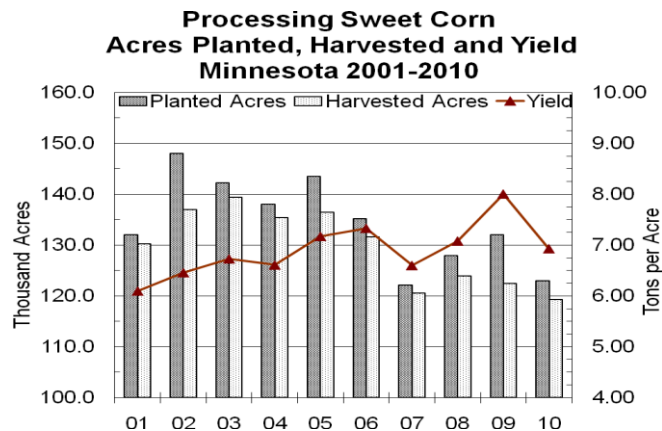
Commodities	Jan 2010 1/	Dec 2010 1/	Jan 2011 2/
All Farm Products.....	140	*158	169
Crops .....	153	*175	195
Meat Animals .....	110	*128	138
Dairy Products.....	123	*128	124
Poultry & Eggs .....	150	*154	141

\* Revised. 1/ Entire month data. 2/ Preliminary.

## MINNESOTA SWEET CORN PRODUCTION IN 2010

**SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING:** Minnesota's 2010 production was estimated at 826,410 tons, down 16 percent from last year's record high production estimate of 979,250. Planted acreage was estimated at 122,900 acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage of 119,300 acres was down 2 percent from the previous year. Average value per ton was \$94.00, compared to \$99.60 in 2009. 1/

1/ Value includes price received by the producer plus expenses incurred by the processor to get the commodity to the processing plant door.



### 2010 PROCESSING PRODUCTION OF 8 SELECTED VEGETABLES DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM 2009

Processing production of 8 selected vegetables estimated in 2010 totaled 17.6 million tons, down 10 percent from last year. Area harvested is estimated at 1.15 million acres, down 9 percent from a year ago. Processing crop value is estimated at 1.70 billion dollars, 21 percent below 2009. The three largest crops, in terms of production, are tomatoes, sweet corn, and snap beans, which combine to account for 92 percent of the total. The top three crops in terms of value of production are tomatoes, sweet corn, and cucumbers. These three processing vegetables account for 81 percent of the total value when combined.

For the 8 processed vegetables estimated in 2010, California leads the nation with 26 percent of the harvested acreage, 71 percent of the production, and 56 percent of the value.

#### Leading Processing Vegetable States in 2010 1/

Area Harvested			Production		Value	
Rank	State	Percent of Total	State	Percent of Total	State	Percent of Total
1	CA	26.0	CA	70.9	CA	56.1
2	WI	18.4	WI	6.2	WI	7.7
3	MN	16.2	MN	5.5	MN	7.4
4	WA	9.3	WA	4.9	WA	5.1
5	OR	4.7	MI	2/	MI	2/

1/ Lima beans, snap beans, carrots, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, peas, spinach, and tomatoes.  
2/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## U.S. CATTLE INVENTORIES DOWN; MINNESOTA INVENTORY DOWN

Minnesota cattle and calves inventory was 2,380,000 head on January 1, 2011, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2010, inventory. The U.S. inventory, at 92.6 million head, was down 1 percent from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved totaled 830,000 head on January 1, 2011, down 2 percent from last year. Beef cows in the state, at 360,000 head, were down 5 percent and milk cows, at 470,000 head, were unchanged from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved were 40.0 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago. Beef cows, at 30.9 million head, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2010, and milk cows, at 9.15 million head, were up 1 percent from last year.

	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES <sup>1/</sup>		
	(Thousands)		2011 as % of 2010	(Thousands)		2011 as % of 2010
	2010	2011		2010 <sup>2/</sup>	2011	
All Cattle & Calves	2,420	2,380	98	93,881	92,582	99
All Cows	850	830	98	40,456	40,014	99
Beef Cows	380	360	95	31,371	30,865	98
Milk Cows	470	470	100	9,086	9,150	101
All Heifers 500 Lbs.+	570	570	100	19,746	19,534	99
Beef Replacement Heifers	95	90	95	5,451	5,158	95
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		3,411	3,165	93
Milk Replacement Heifers	295	290	98	4,526	4,557	101
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		2,954	3,039	103
Other Heifers	180	190	105	9,769	9,818	101
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	445	470	106	16,510	16,382	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	35	35	100	2,190	2,153	98
Calves Under 500 Lbs.	520	475	91	14,979	14,500	97
Cattle & Calves on Feed	290	320	110	13,642	14,023	103
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009 <sup>2/</sup>	2010	2010 as % of 2009
Calf Crop	820	800	98	35,939	35,685	99

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Small revisions of less than one-half percent were made to previously released inventory estimates by class and calf crop.

## MINNESOTA'S SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY UNCHANGED

Minnesota's January 1, 2011, sheep and lamb inventory, at 130,000 head, was unchanged from last year. Breeding stock numbers were up 3 percent, at 95,000. The remaining inventory of 35,000 market lambs and sheep was down 8 percent from last year. Of the 35,000 total lambs and sheep for slaughter market, 1,000 were mature sheep (1 year old and older) and the remaining 34,000 were lambs under 1 year. Market lambs by weight group were estimated as follows: under 65 pounds: 8,000; 65-84 pounds: 6,000; 85-105 pounds: 7,000; over 105 pounds: 13,000.

Minnesota's 2009 lamb crop totaled 125,000 head, down 4 percent from the previous year. The 2009 lambing rate was 164 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2010, compared with 157 per 100 ewes in 2009.

## MINNESOTA'S WOOL PRODUCTION UNCHANGED FROM 2009

Minnesota's 2010 wool production totaled 830,000 pounds, unchanged from the 2009 level. Minnesota is ranked 11th in 2010 U.S. wool production. The 130,000 sheep and lambs shorn in 2010 were also unchanged from 2009. Fleece weight averaged 6.4 pounds, same as the previous year. Value of the state's 2010 wool production was \$357,000, up 48 percent from the previous year's value of \$241,000. Average price per pound for 2010 was 43 cents, up 14 cents from the 2009 price.

## DECEMBER EGG OUTPUT UP 3 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 250 million eggs during December 2010, versus 244 million in December 2009. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.90 billion eggs in December, up 1 percent from a year ago.

### POULTRY STATS - DECEMBER

		<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Eggs Produced	MN	244 Mil.	250 Mil.
	U.S.	7,827 Mil.	7,899 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	10.3 Mil.	10.4 Mil.
	U.S.	339.7 Mil.	341.5 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,362	2,408
	U.S.	2,304	2,313
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (December)			
Egg-Type	U.S.	39.6 Mil.	37.8 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	779.5 Mil.	785.6 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (January 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	<u>2010</u> 7.9 Mil.	<u>2011</u> 8.4 Mil.
	U.S.	38.9 Mil.	38.7 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	28.0 Mil.	28.8 Mil.
	U.S.	632.9 Mil.	635.1 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (December)			
	WNC*	<u>2009</u> 9.5 Mil.	<u>2010</u> 9.1 Mil.
	U.S.	22.6 Mil.	23.3 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (January 1)			
	WNC*	<u>2010</u> 11.5 Mil.	<u>2011</u> 11.3 Mil.
	U.S.	27.5 Mil.	27.9 Mil.

\*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

## MINNESOTA'S MEAT AND OTHER GOAT INVENTORY UP 14 PERCENT

Minnesota's January 1, 2011, meat and other goat inventory, at 25,000, was up 14 percent from the January 1, 2010, figure. The milk goat inventory, at 12,000, was down 8 percent from the 2010 figure, while angora goats, at 1,000, were unchanged from last year.

### U.S. TOTAL GOAT INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

**All goat inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2011, totaled 3.00 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.49 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. Does one year old and older, at 1.84 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 514,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago. **Kid crop** for 2010 totaled 1.91 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2009.

**Meat and all other goats** totaled 2.47 million head on January 1, 2011, down 2 percent from 2010. Milk goat inventory increased to 360,000 head, 1 percent above January 1, 2010, while Angora goats were up 7 percent, totaling 172,000 head.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2010 was 1.09 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 181,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.0 pounds. Mohair price was \$3.49 per pound with a value of 3.79 million dollars.

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